

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-507

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John W. Hudson House
and/or common _____

2. Location

street & number 10459 Worcester Highway not for publication _____
city, town Berlin vicinity of x congressional district First
state Maryland 21811 county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Accessible	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> yes/restricted	<u> </u> military
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	<u>x</u> yes/unrestrict.	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> site	Status	Present Use	<u>x</u> private res.
<u> </u> object	<u>x</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> religious
Public	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> scientific
Acquisition	<u> </u> in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> transport.
<u> </u> in progress		<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> other: _____
<u> </u> being considered		<u> </u> government	
<u>x</u> not applicable		<u> </u> industrial	

4. Owner of Property

name Levin R. & Martha J. Watson, c/o Betty Jones
street & number 10753 Grays Corner Road tele. no. _____
city, town Berlin state & zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court
- Worcester County Courthouse

street & number West Market Street
city, town Snow Hill state MD zip code 21863
liber CWN 23 folio 480

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____
date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local _____
depository for survey records _____
city, town _____ state _____

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7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

(date _____)

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The John W. Hudson House is a detached, single-family dwelling located on the west side of US 113, approximately .5 miles south of MD 452. The one-and-one-half-story side-gabled building, constructed in ca. 1910, features a roughly symmetrical east facade with six bays (including the windows at the front porch). The frame structure is covered with wood shingles and exhibits a composition asphalt shingle roof. The foundation is constructed of concrete block with a dressed ashlar masonry face; portions are covered by pressed metal imprinted with the pattern of ashlar masonry blocks.

The east facade is noted by a one-story porch with a half-hip roof. The porch has been infilled and covered with wood shingles. Window openings in the porch contain two-over-two, double-hung wood sash in pairs and triples. Similar sash are located at the north and south sides of the house. Several of the windows are covered by storm windows. The main entrance at the center of the porch contains a wood single-leaf door with four lights over three horizontal panels. Above the porch are two two-light sash set just below the cornice line (similar sash are located on the rear side of the building). A brick chimney with a corbeled cap protrudes from the center of the roof ridge.

A one-story gabled wing with a shed addition on its west end extends from the rear of the dwelling. The west gable of the wing and the west side of the rear shed addition are covered with clapboard siding. It is possible that the clapboard siding is an earlier treatment than the wood shingles, especially since the infilling and shingling of the front porch appear to be later treatments. The south roof slope of the rear wing has been extended to cover a shed addition on that side of the wing. Window openings on the rear side of the house contain two-over-two and later one-over-one double-hung sash. A door similar to that on the east facade is located on the south side of the wing. A brick chimney with an exposed flue pipe extends from the west end of the wing's roof ridge.

The property contains no historic outbuildings. A modern gambrel-roofed storage shed sits to the rear of the dwelling. A grassy loop drive provides access to and from US 113, and the property features a few mature trees and ornamental shrubs.

Alterations to the dwelling include the infilling of the front porch, the possible covering of earlier clapboard siding with wood shingles, the use of modern one-over-one sash and storm windows, and the likely loss of historic outbuildings.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance-Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehist.	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-hist.	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> music	

Specific Dates	unknown	Builder/Architect	unknown
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check:	Applicable Criteria:	and/or Applicable Exception:	Level of Significance:
	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> E	<input type="checkbox"/> national
	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> state
	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> G	<input type="checkbox"/> local
	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> D	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The John W. Hudson House survives as an example of an early twentieth century vernacular form with antecedents in the nineteenth century. It illustrates the continued development of Worcester County and the immediate area in the early part of this century, when truck farming was replacing older agricultural models and new fruit and vegetable crops were on the rise (Touart 1994:165-167; Truitt and Les Callette 1977:249, 253-255).

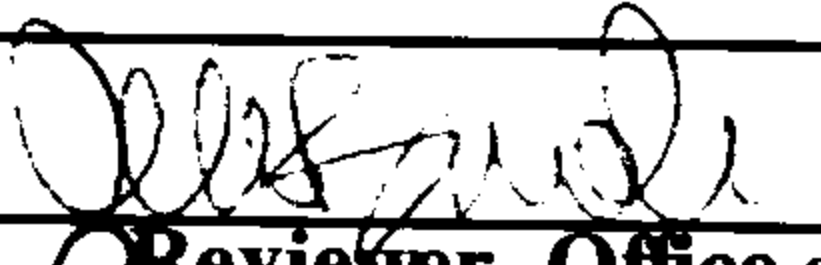
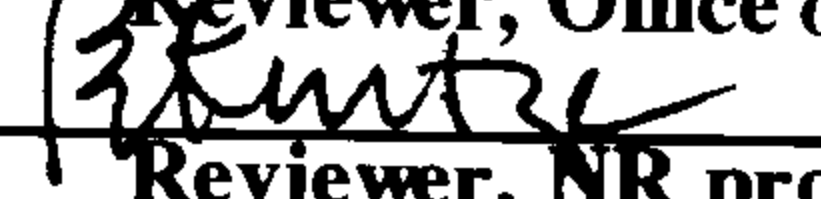


The dwelling was constructed in ca. 1910, based on deed and tax records as well as inspection of the building itself, which appears to be of early twentieth century origin. Two generations of the Fisher family owned the property between 1897 and 1908—it was carved out of a 219.5-acre parcel in 1897—and possibly could have constructed the dwelling (WCCC Deed Book FHP 9:163, FHP 21:279). However, their ownership was brief, and the Fishers were major landowners in the area who sold off over 185 acres in the vicinity in 1909 (WCCC Deed Book ODC 5:457). John W. Hudson purchased the property in 1908, and it stayed in his family until 1948 (WCCC Deed Book ODC 1:380, CWN 23:480). Tax records state that the dwelling was built in 1920 (WCTA 1998). Taking all of these factors into account, it would appear that Hudson likely constructed the dwelling, since he was the first to own the property for any appreciable amount of time, and the Fishers seem to have been selling off their holdings in the area rather than creating a family homestead. The tax records point to a later date, and certainly the ca. 1910 construction date is in agreement with the form and detailing of the building.

Using the periods from the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data, this would place the resource in the Industrial/Urban Dominance period (A.D. 1870-1930). The current legal tax parcel containing the house and modern outbuilding encompasses 23.2042 acres.

See Continuation Sheet.

The John W. Hudson House is recommended ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the criteria of eligibility in 36 CFR 60.4. Its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling has been compromised by alterations. It has no known associations with significant historical events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), it is not significant for its architectural style or design characteristics (Criterion C), and further research of it would not appear to yield information important in prehistory or history (Criterion D).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E
	<input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	

 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	 Reviewer, NR program
	 Date
	 Date

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10. Geographical Data

Quadrangle name Berlin, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24000

A
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C	_____	_____	_____
E	_____	_____	_____
G	_____	_____	_____

D	_____	_____	_____
F	_____	_____	_____
H	_____	_____	_____

Legal Tax Parcel Boundary (Map 20, Parcel 41)

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCP/DHCD
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
514-7600

Touart, Paul Baker

1994 *Along the Seaboard Side: The Architectural History of Worcester County, Maryland*. Worcester County Commissioners, Snow Hill, Maryland.

Truitt, Reginald V., and Millard G. Les Callette

1977 *Worcester County, Maryland's Arcadia*. Worcester County Historical Society, Snow Hill, Maryland.

Worcester County Clerk of Court (WCCC)

1887-1996 Property records on file at the Worcester County Courthouse, Snow Hill, Maryland.

Worcester County Tax Assessor (WCTA)

1998 Tax assessment records on file at the Worcester County Tax Assessor's Office, Snow Hill, Maryland.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

1) Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

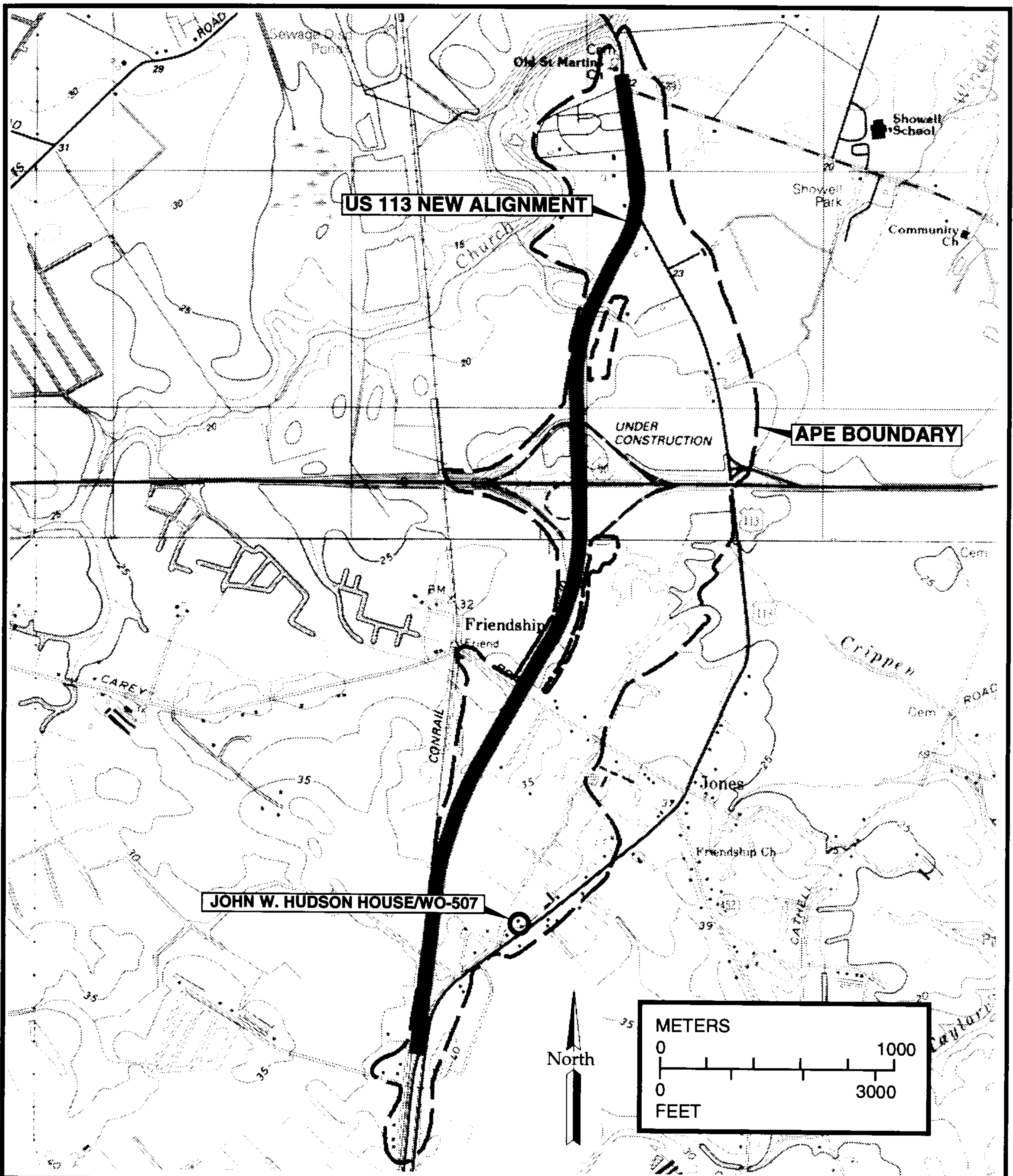
11) Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

2) Architecture

Resource Type:

Category:	Buildings
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Single-family Dwelling
Known Design Source:	None



LOCATIONAL MAP

Section of the 7.5' Selbyville, Del.-MD/Berlin, MD Quad Map (USGS 1992/1967-1981)

Showing the John W. Hudson House/WO-507

Worcester County, MD.



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John W. Anderson House "Anderson"

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Mark Chancellor - photographer

Sept. 1992

Maryland SHPO - negative

not a 100% elevation

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W. 12

John W. Hudson House (historic)

Warrenton County, MD

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Mark Chay-collier - photographer

2000

Maryland SHPO - negative

Elevations

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by a. s. s. s.

John W. Hudson House (historic)
1912-13

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Marie Chancelor - photographer
1912-13

Mayfair SHPO - negative
North and South Elevations
1912-13